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Scientific Methods Worksheet 3: Graphical Analysis

1. The following times were measured for spheres of different masses to be pushed a distance of 1.5 meters by a stream:

Mass (kg)	Time (s)
5	10.2
10	17.3
15	23.8
20	31.0

a. Graph the data by hand on the grid provided and write a mathematical model for the graph that describes the data.

b. Write a clear sentence that describes the relationship between mass and time.

2. A student performed an experiment with a metal sphere. The student shot the sphere from a slingshot and measured its maximum height. The sphere was shot six times at six different angles above the horizon.

a. What is the relationship being studied?

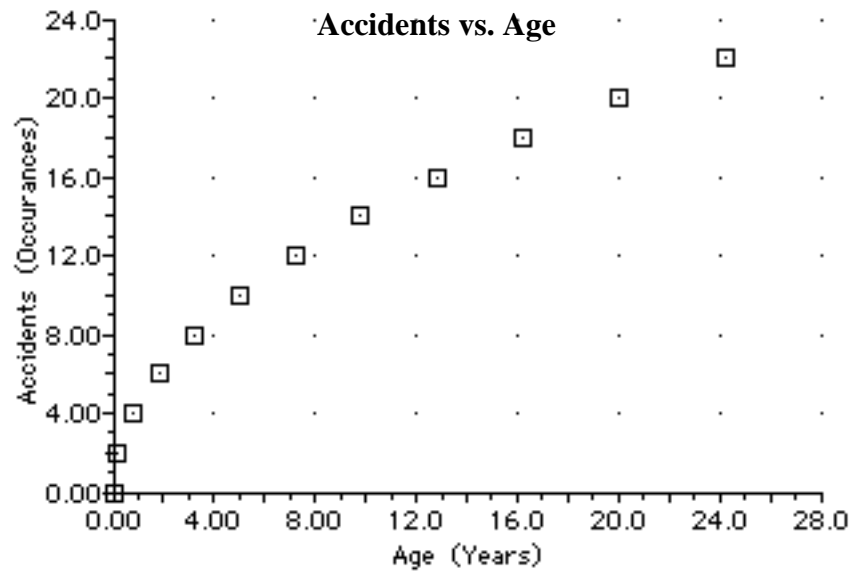
b. What is the independent variable in this experiment?

c. What is the dependent variable in this experiment?

d. What variables must be held constant throughout this experiment?

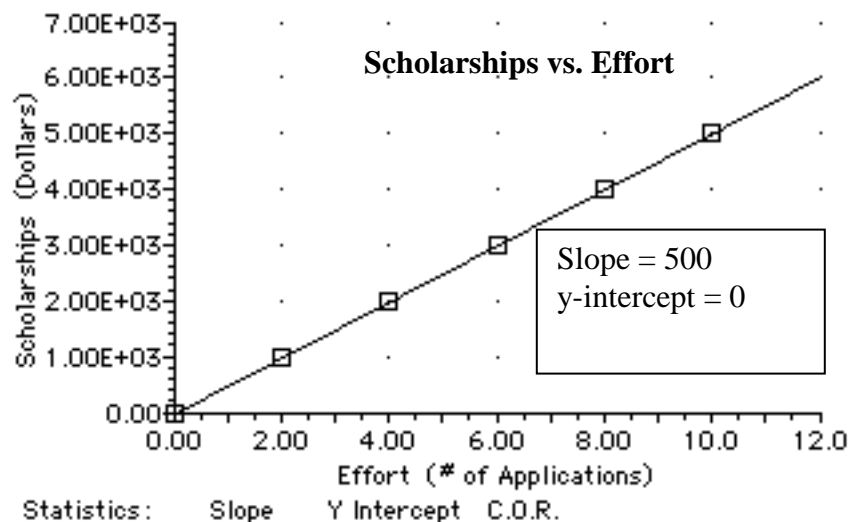
3. a. What type of relationship does this graph suggest?

b. What variables would you plot to linearize the data?



4. a. Write a mathematical model that describes the graph.

b. Provide an interpretation for the y-intercept.



c. Using the mathematical model, how many applications would be needed to earn \$8000?

5. For each of the following relationships:

- Write what method should be used to linearize the data.
- Write the mathematical model that would describe the straight line produced.
- Draw a graph that visually represents the relationship.

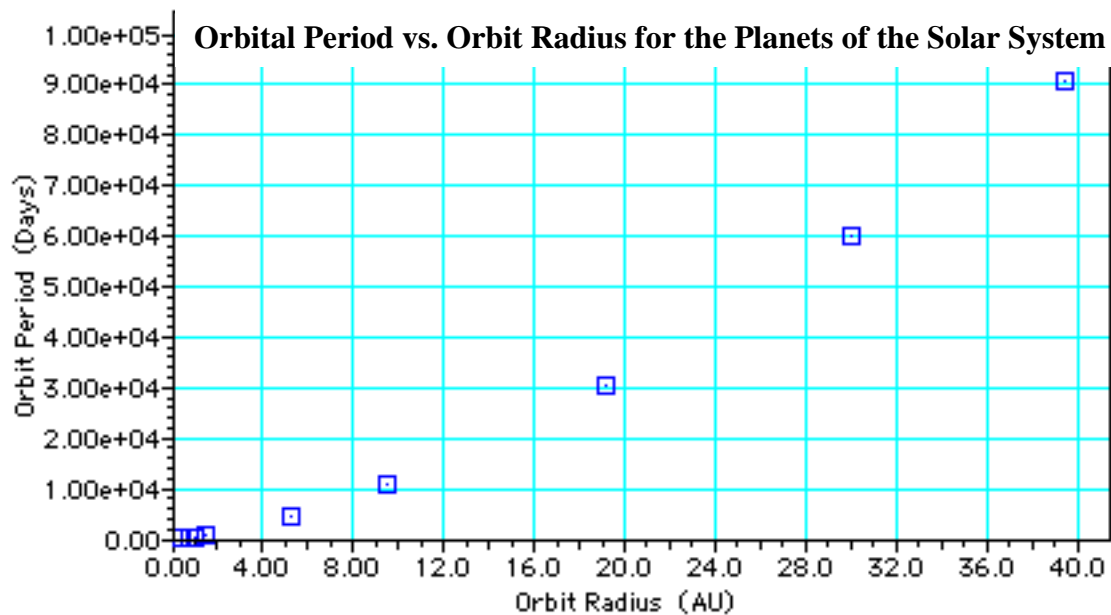
a. Hyperbolic (Inverse)

b. Top Opening Parabola

c. Side Opening Parabola

7. The graph below compares the amount of time it takes a planet to orbit the sun (in earth days) versus the distance the planet is from the sun, measured in Astronomical Units. (1 AU = earth to sun separation.)

a. What test plot would you try first in order to linearize the relationship below?



b. In this case it turns out that several test plots need to be made before the graph is linearized. (Johannes Kepler was the first person to work out this relationship in the early 1600's.) Write a mathematical model for the graph below. Does the same equation apply to the graph above? Why?

